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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA
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DEPT PASS COMMERCE FOR COHEN AND HALE, AND EXIM BANK

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SUBJ: SAUDIA REEQUIPMENT: PLANNED REGIONAL VISIT BY RCAA

REF: JIDDA 4551

1. HIGHLY RELIABLE BOEING AND AIRLINE SOURCES BEIRUT
INDICATE SAUDIA WILL, SUBJECT BOARD APPROVAL, SHORTLY
PLACE ORDER FOR TWONEW BOEING 737-268 TWINJETS AND
ONE NEW BOEING 707-368C, VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$35 MILLION
INCLUDING SPARES. DELIVERY AS FOLLOWS: ADVANCED
737-268'S JULY AND AUGUST 1976; 707-368C DEC 1976.

2. ADDITIONALLY, RCAA ANTICIPATES NEXT BOARD MEETING
MAY APPROVE ACQUISITION TWO ADDITIONAL LOCKHEED
L-1011-200 OR L-1011-250 TRISTARS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$75 MILLION INCLUDING SPARES FOR DELIVERY
MAY 1978 AND MAY 1979. THERE ALSO APPEARS TO BE
GROWING SAUDIA INTEREST IN POSSIBLE ACQUISITION
OF ONE BOEING 747-268F (FREIGHTER) OR 747-268C
(CONVERTIBLE CARGO/PASSENGER) VALUED AT \$45 MILLION

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INCLUDING SPARES, WITH POSSIBLE ORDER BEING PLACED

BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR TO
HANDLE GROWING CARGO REQUIREMENTS.

3. IN VIEW OF TIGHT HOTEL SPACE JIDDA AND ABSENCE
CIVIL AIR OFFICER DUANE BUTCHER BEGINNING JUNE 30,
RCAA AWAITS EMBASSY'S INSTRUCTIONS WHEN TO PROCEED.
RCAA HAS NOT VISITED JIDDA FOR PAST TWO YEARS AND
IS VERY ANXIOUS TO ASCERTAIN SAUDIA PRESENT STATUS,
LONG-RANGE FLEET AND ROUTE PLANNING; AND, IN
PARTICULAR, PLANNED DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TRISTAR
FLEET. RCAA AT EMBASSY JIDDA'S APPROVAL.
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